

Amendments to the Abstract

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~The invention relates to a control circuit (2) for an electromagnetic drive. Said circuit contains first and second electronic switching elements (16 to 22), which in conjunction with a timing element (12) subject the drive coil (4) to a corresponding direct current in the starting phase or in the maintenance phase. A starting current (U_a) and a maintenance current (U_b) are provided by means of a current source (14) that is controlled by the timing element (12) and a direct current converter (10) with downward control.~~

A control circuit for an electromagnetic drive includes first and second electronic switching elements, which in conjunction with a timing element subject the drive coil to a corresponding direct current in the starting phase or in the maintenance phase. A starting current and a maintenance current are provided by means of a current source that is controlled by the timing element and a direct current converter with downward control.